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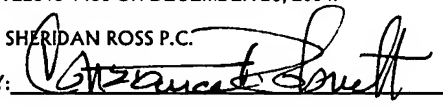
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

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<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-1450 ON DECEMBER 20, 2004.</p> <p align="center">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: </p>
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 24, 2004. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Response and Amendment. In the event fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Amendments to the specification are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.